

In the Specification

Please replace the listing of references beginning at page 1, line 10 and ending with page 4, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraphs:

Serial No. 09/657,215, filed 7 Sep 2000, entitled "System and Method for Clustering Servers for Performance and Load Balancing", assignee docket ~~END9-2000-0104-US1~~;

Serial No. 09/657,216, filed 7 Sep 2000, entitled "System and Method for Front End Business Logic and Validation", assignee docket ~~END9-2000-0105-US1~~;

Serial No. 09/657,217, filed 7 Sep 2000, entitled "System and Method for Data Transfer With Respect to External Applications", assignee docket ~~END9-2000-0106-US1~~;

Serial No. 09/656,037, filed 7 Sep 2000, entitled "System and Method for Providing a Relational Database Backend", assignee docket ~~END9-2000-0107-US1~~;

Serial No. 09/656,803, filed 7 Sep 2000, entitled "System

and Method for Providing a Role Table GUI via Company Group", ~~assignee docket END9-2000-0108-US1~~;

Serial No. 09/656,967, filed 7 Sep 2000, entitled "System and Method for Populating HTML Forms Using Relational Database Agents", ~~assignee docket END9-2000-0109-US1~~;

Serial No. 09/657,196, filed 7 Sep 2000, entitled "System and Method for Catalog Administration Using Supplier Provided Flat Files", ~~assignee docket END9-2000-0110-US1~~, and:

Serial No. 09/657,195, filed 7 Sep 2000, entitled "System and Method for Providing an Application Navigator Client Menu Side Bar", ~~assignee docket END9-2000-0111-US1~~.
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Serial No. 09/ 09/819,462, filed 28 Mar 2001, entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR AUTOMATING INVOICE PROCESSING WITH POSITIVE CONFIRMATION", ~~assignee docket number END9-2000-0165-US1~~.

Serial No. 09/ 09/815,318, filed 22 Mar 2001, entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR GENERATING A COMPANY GROUP USER PROFILE", ~~assignee docket number END9-2000-0166-US1~~.

Serial No. 09/____ 09/819,437, filed 28 Mar 2001,
entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SHARING DATA ACROSS FRAMES
USING ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES ",~~assignee docket number END9~~
~~2000-0167-US1.;~~

Serial No. 09/____ 09/815,317, filed 22 Mar 2001,
entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SYNCHRONIZING LEDGER
ACCOUNTS BY COMPANY GROUP",~~assignee docket number END9 2000~~
~~0168-US1.;~~

Serial No. 09/____ 09/815,320, filed 22 Mar 2001,
entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR GROUPING COMPANIES ACCORDING
TO ACCOUNTING SYSTEM OR RULES",~~assignee docket number END9~~
~~2000-0169-US1.;~~

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Serial No. 09/____ 09/815,316, filed 22 Mar 2001,
entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR FRAME STORAGE OF EXECUTABLE
CODE",~~assignee docket number END9 2000-0174-US1.;~~

Serial No. 09/____ 09/815,313, filed 22 Mar 2001,
entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR INVOICE IMAGING THROUGH
NEGATIVE CONFIRMATION PROCESS",~~assignee docket number END9~~
~~2000-0175-US1.;~~

Serial No. 09/____ 09/816,264, filed 23 Mar 2001,
entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROCESSING TAX CODES BY
COMPANY GROUP", assignee docket number END9 2000 0177 US1.
and

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Serial No. 09/____ 09/798,598, filed 2 March 2001,
entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANAGING INTERNET TRADING
NETWORKS", assignee docket number END9 2000 0178 US1.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 2,
with the following rewritten paragraph:

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When the enterprise company provides such procurement services to more than one customer company, it has heretofore been required to rewrite the front end system to accommodate the accounting rules required to support the procurement activities of each additional companies company. This is time consuming and complex. There is, therefore, a need in the art to provide a system and method whereby an enterprise may provide procurement services to a plurality of customer companies using the same front end requisition and catalog system for them all.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 2,

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with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figure 6 is a diagram illustrating the inputs and outputs of the enterprise procurement services hub server 52 of the architecture of Figure 2.

**Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 14,
with the following rewritten paragraph:**

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The operation and inter relationships of elements of the architecture of Figures 2-6 Figures 2-6 pertinent to the present invention will be described hereafter in connection with preferred and exemplary embodiments of the systems and methods of the invention.

**Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 18, line 9,
with the following rewritten paragraph:**

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Referring to Figure 7, the system of the preferred embodiment of the invention includes a plurality of companies 450-452 which are associated in company groups 242 and 243, requisition and catalog system 40, and procurement services system (SAP) 42. Associated with this system is a data interchange system 44, one of several possible

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communication paths with a plurality of vendors 246, 247. A company group may include one or more companies. Data interchange system 44 includes mail boxes 455, 456.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 20, line 17, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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The method for creating and maintaining user profile table 384 is further described in copending application S/N _____, assignee docket END9 2000 0166 US1. S/N 09/815,318, filed 03/22/2001.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 21, line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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Other data that is similarly protected (other than catalogs), for example, include contracts 469, cost centers (departments that can be charged -- a user can charge across companies 248, 249 in a company group, but not across company groups 243, 242), user profiles 384 (a user 451 may be able to initiate requests for other users 452 -- using button "change requester", which will bring up people in his company group, if configured to allow it.) More [[of]] examples of resources protected by resource profiles 465 are

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accounting GL accounts codes that are associated with commodity codes by company group. Business rules associated with that accounting that are company group specific -- and include accounting business rule defaults, such as fields required to be filled out based on what is being bought.

**Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 23, line 1,
with the following rewritten paragraph:**

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Referring to Figure 12, the manner in which purchases from users in different company groups are leveraged to achieve volume related costs with respect to leveraged contract 480 is described. As is represented by lines 61, users 450, 451 from different company groups may, in accordance with user profiles and catalog profile 466, as previously discussed, issue requisition requests against the same line item 471 in catalog 465. Other requests may be entered with respect of other items 472. These requisition requests are transferred, as represented by lines 51, to SAP 42. SAP 42 periodically (say, hourly or daily) cuts purchase orders 474, 475 to vendor 246, with separate purchase orders for requisition requests from each company group. Invoices 478, 479 are returned to SAP 42 and bridged to RCW 40 for confirmation processing prior to payment.

Negative or positive confirmation processing is executed by Req/Cat Web server, as is more fully described in copending application S/N's _____ and _____, assignee dockets END9 2000 0165 US1 and END9 2000 0175 US1 S/N's 09/815,318, filed 03/22/2001, and 09/815,313, filed 03/22/2001, respectively, with separate confirmation requests sent to users in different company groups -- this, again, providing information segregation and protection. However, volume commitments against contract 480 are leveraged by purchase orders from all company groups having access to items in vendor 246 catalog 465.
